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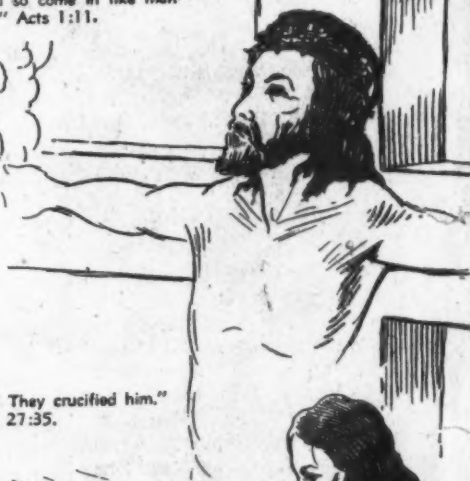
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1, "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour" Luke 2:11



6, "This same Jesus . . . shall so come in like manner." Acts 1:11.



5, "They crucified him." Matt. 27:35.



2, "I must be about my Father's business." Luke 2:49.



3, "I am the good shepherd." John 10:11.



4, "Christ weeping over Jerusalem." Matt. 23:37.

Notices

Attention, Evangelists and Exhorters

As yet all of the Evangelists have not sent their 1945 papers to the General Secretary for renewal. Kindly give this your immediate attention, as they are void after December 31, 1945.

Exhorters should send their papers for renewal to their respective State Overseers.

John C. Jernigan,
General Overseer.

Change of Address of Ministers and Workers

J. D. Bright—Box 188, Alabama City, Ala.

T. E. Hogan—Old: 712 West Ave., Cartersville, Ga. New: Rt. 1, Calhoun, Ga.

Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Wood—29 S. 32nd St., Oklahoma City 9, Okla. (Immediately available for evangelistic work, far or near.)

I am evangelizing this year. Anyone desiring my service may get in touch with me.—D. W. Moore, Box 580, Fernandina, Fla.

SPECIAL REQUEST

Word comes from Sister Walker that Brother J. H. Walker, former General Overseer, has been quite ill, having had two strokes, one on December 2 and one on December 3. On December 7 he took a very high fever and has been in bed since that time. He does not seem to have strength to get up. They request that the readers of the Evangel please remember him in prayer. His address is 614 W Page Avenue, Dallas 8, Texas.

I am now open for revivals or any way I can help for Jesus. Anyone wishing me for a revival may contact me.—Rev. D. M. Curtis, Box 642, Marion, N. C.

DEATHS

The death angel visited the home of Brother J. B. Weeks in Cairo, Ga., and claimed his faithful and loving wife, Sister Eva Bass Weeks, on November 10, 1945; age forty-three years.

She had the Holy Ghost and was a loyal member of the Church of God for twenty-three years. She was shout-

ing and praising God just a short time before she passed away; then went home to be with Jesus and reap her "Just and Great Reward."

We miss her so, but we know our loss is Heaven's gain. Pray for her companion and loved ones.—A sister in Christ, Glotha Mae Hand.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

My youngest girl who is twelve years old that God will undertake for her; my oldest girl.—Sister Evelyn DeLisle, Ortonville, Mich.

The safe return of my brother; my sister's throat to be healed; another sister, Helen Frazier, Kincaid, W. Va., who has been paralyzed for twenty-eight years from infantile paralysis, to be healed. The healing of a friend, Miss Violet Truman, Kincaid, W. Va., who is very nervous. They will appreciate encouragement.—Mae Berry, Kincaid, W. Va.

The healing of Kenneth McQueen, Kincaid, W. Va., of arthritis, he cannot walk and is only a young boy.

The Lord to heal me of the flu, I am seventy-six years of age and have been trusting the Lord for over twenty years.—Mrs. G. W. Dean, Rt. 4, Douglasville, Ga.

The healing of a friend, Mrs. J. H. Lingle, Box 412, Swannanoa, N. C., who has been almost blind from birth, she is a widow with three children and needs the help of the Lord in providing for her children.—Miss Sereptha McFee, Rt. 1, Candler, N. C.

My mother and father to be healed; my mother is in very poor health.—A reader of the Evangel, Fennilla, Ga.

My little girl to be healed of a severe cold.—Mrs. J. W. Mostiller, Rt. 1, Springville, Ala.

My mother and husband to be healed.—Mrs. Marguerite Gilham, Flat Creek, Ala.

Urgent request. — Lora Gibson, Strawn, Texas.

My nephew, who is overseas in the hospital; he is unsaved.—Mrs. F. Farrce, 1701 Clouet St., New Orleans, La.

A sister afflicted with cancer.—Wm. Kelmer Brown, Box 185, Mona, W. Va.

Me to be healed; my niece to be healed of serious fits and blindness in one eye.—Grace Brandon, Rt. 2, Scio, Ohio.

My mother to be healed of virus pneumonia, she does not have much

resistance as she is run down.—Madeline Holloway, Frostproof, Fla.

The healing of my son and me; God to undertake for a family.—A friend, Easley, S. C.

A lady to be healed.—Mrs. W. H. McCollum, Rt. 3, Opelika, Fla.

Me to be healed, the doctors say they cannot do anything for me.—Mrs. Tom Brooks, East Bernstadt, Ky.

The healing of my body of a nervous condition, gall bladder trouble, and high blood pressure.—Elnora A. Bell, 200 Pleasant Ave., Vienna, W. Va.

Me to be healed.—Mrs. Virginia Taff.

My wife to be healed, she has been sick for two months.—Rev. C. R. Kerbo, Box 125, Binger, Okla.

My son to be saved and return home.—Mrs. I. W. Skelton, Crawfordville, Ark.

Frank W. Fore to be healed, he has clogged arteries and arthritis of the spine.

Urgent unspoken request, if God doesn't undertake soon I don't know how I am going to bear it.—A heart-broken mother.

My ankle to be healed and strengthened.—Mrs. G. E. Wade, Rt. 1, Denmark, S. C.

A special request.—Mrs. Dottie Merrett, Elizabethton, Tenn.

Me to be healed of heart trouble and rupture.—Rev. W. G. Lambert, Bowling Green, Ky.

My father to be healed of cancer of the liver; me to be healed of gall bladder trouble.—Mrs. Louise Langford, Zebulon, Ga.

The saving and healing of my brother's body, he has had his jawbone taken out.—Mrs. Carrie Faust, Poplar Bluff, Mo.

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SPECIAL SALE

"Victory Practical Handbook for Ministers" at \$1.25. The regular price has been \$1.50. This book contains a helpful study on the office of the elder, the bishop, the deacon, the apostle, the prophet, the evangelist, the teacher, and the pastor. It also contains formulas for marriages, funerals, etc. 232 pages.

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Exemplars of Excellence

By Charles W. Conn

(Continued from Dec. 15 issue)

EXAMPLES

You may dwell in the valleys of commonplaceness if you desire, but it is not because you *must*. There is a place for you (if you will claim it) high in the peaks of excellence. If you do not succeed, don't say it is because you are young. Young people are those whom Paul encouraged to become the examples. If you are not a spiritual, consecrated Christian, don't say it is because you are young, but that it is because you are not determined. You can be an example in word, in conversation, in charity, in SPIRIT, in faith, in PURITY. One of the blackest lies that the devil has ever pushed over on the human is that young people cannot be devoted Christians—that it is harder for them to be spiritual-minded than it is for older people. This choice bit of satanic deception is repudiated by every scripture that deals with young people, and is proved false every day by the devoted lives of young Christians. Don't try to excuse your lukewarm experience with this cowardly alibi; admit that you are not *really* trying. The lives of others laugh at you.

WHEN GEORGE WHITEFIELD

was only twenty-three he left England, his friends and relatives, to become a missionary to the settlers and Indians in Georgia. At this young age he was considered the **GREATEST PREACHER ALIVE!** When he returned to England, no building could comfortably hold the vast crowds that came to hear him preach. Was he despised because of his age? Certainly not! They only marvelled at his awesome power with God.

CHARLES SPURGEON

was pastoring his second church when he was only nineteen. So great were the throngs that came to hear him

until a new church could be built. That could not contain them, and a tabernacle was erected. This man's age was never considered, nor was his consecration to God ever doubted. He was an example.

JONATHAN EDWARDS

was a very precocious youth. When he was only ten years old he wrote a tract on "The Nature of the Soul." At thirteen he entered Yale University, and graduated, as valedictorian, when he was seventeen. He studied theology for two more years, then became a tutor in Yale at nineteen. When his grandfather died Jonathan was twenty-six. He then stepped from assistant-pastor (of his grandfather's church) to pastor. It was one of the largest, wealthiest, most fashionable churches in early America. He became one of the most venerable preachers to ever grace the American pulpit.

EMPEROR CONSTANTINE

was only twenty-four when he saw the Vision of the Flaming Cross, "*Hoc Signe Vince*," and became the champion of the Christian cause in the Roman Empire. One year later, at twenty-five, he issued the Edict of Milan, which assured the Christians of tolerance in the Empire, if not, indeed, official sanction. Christianity then began in earnest its conquest of Europe.

THOMAS YOUNG

was acquainted with Hebrew, Greek, Latin, Arabic, Persian, French, and Italian at the early age of fourteen.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

the emancipator of the negro mind, was appointed organizer and principal of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute when he was twenty-two. Remember that this great negro example was born in slavery, and that his own intrepidity was his greatest encouragement. At thirteen he had walked, catching an occasional ride on a cart or wagon, five hundred miles to Hampton, Va., so he could attend school. He paid for his board by being janitor. Although he was always hampered by bonds of racial prejudice, he pitted himself against every obstacle, and attained this appointment while a very young man.

DWIGHT L. MOODY

was three years old when his father died. He was a very mischievous lad until he was converted at eighteen. When he was twenty-one he organized a Sunday School, which grew into a church because of Moody's personal energy and endeavor. At twenty-three he stepped out of business to devote himself to the ministry. At twenty-eight he became president of the

become an evangelist that has never since been equalled—from a mischievous, dirty orphan to the world's greatest soul-winner: **AN EXAMPLE.**

DAVID LIVINGSTONE

was another poor youth, and had to work in a cotton mill at the age of ten. He was very ambitious, however, and at the age of twenty-three he had qualified himself to undertake a college curriculum. When he was twenty-five the London Missionary Society accepted him as a candidate. At twenty-seven he received his medical degree, and sailed for South Africa.

WILLIAM BOOTH,

founder of the Salvation Army, was converted at the age of fifteen. He conducted a few revivals the same year. Although he had to work to help support his father's family, he became a regular minister in the Methodist New Connection when he was twenty-three. His life of sacrifice and holy energy is one of the most inspiring examples ever lived. (Beside him, too, stands Catherine: his wife. May her unrelenting firmness, her snow-white holiness, her sweet, unexpected sacrifices never be forgotten.)

WHEN JOAN OF ARC

was thirteen she began consecrating her life to God. While her playmates thought of the boys (?), Joan was spending nights in solitude and prayer. She was leading the French forces in victory after victory when she was sixteen and seventeen. Her short, glorious life ended when she was nineteen, the age when many girls think it is impossible to be consecrated to God!

OTHERS

On and on we could cite the lives and achievements of a glorious young people. Examples that lived and breathed, thrust aside every hindrance, and survived every temptation, to excel to the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Not only in the work of the Kingdom have young people served as examples, but in every walk of human life!

William Pitt, the younger, was Prime Minister of Great Britain when he was only twenty-four.

Poet John Keats had become immortal before he died at the age of twenty-six.

Robert M. Hutchins became president of the University of Chicago at the age of thirty.

Raphael, one of the four greatest (if not THE greatest) artists that ever lived, was left an orphan at eleven, began painting independently at seventeen, painted most of his greatest

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The New Year

E. C. Clark, Managing Editor

The clock has struck, the bells have tolled, the whistles have blown, and through many distresses the year has finally flown; yet onward we rush like the whizzing disk of the shining sun, not through space, but across the weary sands of time toward uncertain things, finally to each of our rewards. None of us knows what the new year holds. To many it may afford a great opportunity to improve our talents and to "redeem the time." But to others there may be sore disappointments, trials, and losses in many ways, as we march to the end of the trail.

BUT REGARDLESS

of what the day, the month, or the year may hold for us, we can, each of us, at least be faithful to the trust that has been left us. We do not all have the same opportunity, nor do we all have the same talents, but we can each be faithful as occasion may arise, to work for the Lord by using what we have at hand. Therefore, it is our individual responsibility to give ourselves to prayer, testimony, preaching the Word or even giving to the support of the ministry, to the best of our ability. There is no need to make resolutions without carrying them out. The fleetness of time suggests, like the poet said, "If there is therefore any kindness I can do unto any human being, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again. Incidentally, life is not made up of doing great things, therefore it is written, 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might.'"

Ability determines the law of supply and demand, and "he that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." This kind of a sin might be termed a sin of omission in neglecting to do our duty; however, sins of omission are as detrimental to our and also to others' welfare as sins of commission. If we are to be rewarded for faithful service, then we must render faithful service. Many have wondered why God has not or does not use them to do great things, overlooking the fact that small things well done may be the greatest accom-

Card of Thanks

I take this means to thank every one of you who remembered us with so many beautiful Christmas and New Year's greetings. May God give you added health and increased wealth and blessings in every way during the new year.

E. C. CLARK,
Managing Editor.

plishments in the end. Those who wait for the day, the time, and place of doing great things, do so only because they feel proud and important. If we are faithful in little things, we are judged of God as being faithful also in great matters, or faithful in that which is "much." Those who refuse to do small things may never be permitted to do the "much" things. It is good, therefore, that we do now whatever we can do to be of service to our Lord.

COURAGE NEEDED

As the new year enters, much courage is needed to carry on for God. The crepe of the world's greatest conflict still hangs heavy on the doorknob of the nations, and the effort required to do mission work, or to do relief work, or in fact anything else, will require more courage because of opposition to the work also, because of the tremendous proportions of the varying needs of the work to be done.

Throughout the entire world there is great distress and prayers are needed, gifts and charitable services are also much needed, such as this old sin-cursed world has never known. If there has been failure during the past year, we may check up on that failure and find some way to compensate for it so that it may not occur again during the present year.

BLESSED ANTICIPATION

The past year has been one of growth throughout our own church

group. This is also true of other church movements. Growth, however, comes alone by effort on the part of those who have the leadership and responsibility of the churches. Whatever increase in success was attained during the past year, was directly chargeable to officials, overseers, and pastors, and including the humble layman. The new year should be filled with blessings attained rather than anticipated. We may rightfully expect God to pour out His Spirit upon His Church, if we humble ourselves in prayer. This is blessings in anticipation. The basis of all effort is herein contained. All such blessings must be first obtained before they can be fully realize. Faith anticipates, but faith also receives whatever it hopes for, if such hope is based upon the will of God. What hinders most in church work is neglect in effort and prayer. Those who obtain God's blessings are rugged wrestlers in prayer and exploration of faith.

A growing church should not be satisfied without some small missions or small churches in school buildings and rural outposts, which will also grow into thriving churches, if they are properly mothered by strong
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The Greatest Need in Germany Today

With the chaplain, Rev. Robert S. Trenbath, of the Episcopal Church in New York, I sit in his office here in the capital of Germany, which is 85 per cent damaged. Our conversation touches theological questions, goes to ecclesiastical aspects, till we come—how could it be otherwise—to our present situation. For a moment our talk seems to stop till the chaplain, with his friendly eyes, asks: "What is your greatest need?"

Since many years, manifold needs in our territory are with us. In Germany, after Hitler's beginning of Nazi power for churches, a hard time began. Our holiest belief in Christianity was, by the official propaganda, declared as "Asia Minor religion." Surely there was even in that time freedom in our services to preach the Word of God from the Old and New Testaments. Our "Confessional Church" could have avoided many troubles by the state, if she had not used the pulpit like a platform to criticize public establishments. We had the possibility to propagate the pure gospel, without flank attacks, but earnest Christians aroused in a totalitarian state great hindrances. Systematically our youth were dropped from churches. Nazism began its own cult and on Sunday mornings the young people were drawn to cinema or kept so busy in that party, there was no time any more to attend the services in church. Only when Christian parents had, with their children, courage enough to stand for attendance, it was possible. When war broke out, by the frenetic power an "only little leadership" of the nation ran into adventure, and our need became greater. Bomb shells on towns, endless restrictions came, till the most terrible breakdown was fulfilled, as it never was before in the history of this nation.

Approximately 5 million soldiers were killed. Further, 4 million civilians were counted dead. The number who committed suicide since this end, are 2 to 3 million. This list of losses is not yet closed. From 70 million inhabitants we expect a decrease of 20 million perished.

Our fertile eastern parts beyond Oder River are taken and added to Poland. Consequently, 8 or 9 million Germans are forced to leave their homes. In many cases they were given only ten minutes to leave their farms. From the surrounding Tschechoslovakia, Hungary, and others, furthermore, 5 millions refugees must be

REV. KARL KREUTZER

added to come into our now smaller territory. These refugees have a little parcel or only what they wear on their bodies. In many cases they were robbed down to their shirt. For months, like an inexhaustible stream, the crowds from the east filled the streets, grievous pictures of misery. In this breakdown, lacking all organization, each family had to save their own lives. The innocent children in their marching suffered most. Well, needs so manifold we have to see, as never a generation before, and now asks my American friend: "What is your greatest need?"

About this question there is enough to write a book, but it has to be given a short and plain answer. Let me try it here:

1. *The greatest need is a spiritual need.* So few people have a living God. Germany is the land of reformation, but through the centuries the state church had, till 1918, lost the masses, especially in our towns. We count now our population again consisting in two-thirds Protestants and one-third Roman Catholics. Millions are only Christian by name and have no contact with deeper life. In towns on Sunday, only 1 per cent of the Protestants are attending the services. For the Catholics the figures are a little better. We had in some parts, also, country places with such low rate.

Now the very moment has come to spread the gospel powerfully. The land of Martin Luther should have a revival again. This is the demand of earnest Christians. Need and desperation are eliminated the moment when Christ is the Lord. To come to Him means for my nation to repent and get humble.

2. *The Creator has clothed our soul with a body. The second need is a bodily need.* By hunger and lack of food the bodies are starving. Our American friends see here in our capital the faces of German children and they agree with me, to notice hardship. The present ration system of food could be nearly sufficient but weeks have passed and only on paper was the promised ration, not in reality. Milk, fats, meat, all substantial nourishment is lacking. In such a time of famine the characters of men are put on trial and we see with great pain the outcome of such a situation, because the moral standard is on a deep level. We see it mostly in so

many of our women and girls.

3. *Our political situation is unsettled.* Germany is divided into four military zones. Regular traffic from one zone in the west (American, English, and French) to the Russian zone is, till now, impossible. Many great difficulties are arising in private and commercial life. The treatment of Potsdam, signed by the Big Three, says Germany must be one as a whole land. An economic life is only possible on this basis. Let me say, frankly: In the Russian zone pessimism prevails. The Russians have taken the second railroad on our main lines. Regular traffic is impossible. Overcrowded trains, and only two or three run in twenty-four hours. Even now such civilian trains in some parts get plundered each night, also by Poles who have their living still on German territory and are not hindered by Russians. They have f.e. here in Berlin in their zone by day and night painful house-controlling and visiting without purpose, and steal the last goods from lodgings. Our manufactures, which could work for a new economical life, are robbed of their machines, which are sent to Russia. This is like strewing sand and in a finely organized machine. Six months after the ending of the war, there is no exit from this misery. The land is divided into east and west and seems to become an experimental field of political contradictions.

Our nation will not exist by alms. She is thankful to the Allied forces for help. Now we are under conditions to receive the food. But Germany wants to work and have their own bread. There are enough intelligent people and we are a diligent folk. We used to go hard ways but in the future we would like to earn our daily bread with our work under the blessing of God.

4. *We need a better understanding between the nations.* Of course, each of us has his own point of view. In love we try to understand the position of others. Hate creates slogans. The big masses prefer such slogans and have no deeper thinking in their minds. These slogans and what is behind them separates the nations. Germany has not the vocation to rule other nations but to serve them and bring spiritual blessing into the world. Great men and women in art and science came from our country and enriched many. Perhaps there was no greater gift to the world from Ger-

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Strained at Gnats and Swallowed Camels -- or ... Leaving Our "First Love"

By MRS. LINDSAY C. DAVIS

"Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat and swallow a camel" (Matt. 5: 23) "... I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love" (Rev. 2:4).

God's Word says, "If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift" (Matt. 5:23, 24).

What are we to do if it is our Elder Brother telling us He has "somewhat against us"? The Bible says: "Repent and do thy first works" (Rev. 2:5).

What were some of the "first works" of true holiness, and how can we "leave our first love"?

One of the first things any true holiness person does is to rid himself of pride, the love of the world! And when we go to dabbling with it again we begin "leaving our first love." God says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world ... for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world" (1 John 2:15, 16).

True holiness has always stood for self-respect, that form of pride that makes us want to keep our bodies a fit place for the habitation of the Holy Spirit, for we are the "temples of the living God" (2 Cor. 6:16), but the pride that makes one do things unbecoming to true holiness in the kind of pride that God hates. God says, "Behold, I am against thee, O thou most proud, for thy day is come, the time that I will visit thee" (Jer. 50:31). "... pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the forward mouth, do I hate!" (Prov. 8:13).

The trend of holiness folk in these days is more toward the lines of Shakespeare rather than the Bible. Shakespeare says in Hamlet: "For there is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so." That is what the women of the world started thinking when they began wearing shorts. That is what some of our so-called holiness folk began thinking when they began wearing their garments a bit too short to be modest. Instead of sticking to our Bible, which tells us "in like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel" (1 Tim. 2:9), "... whose

adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel, but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price" (1 Peter 3:4, 5), we hardly dare mention immodest apparel any more. If we do we are classed as fanatics. And of late, one does not seem to be well dressed in the Church of God if their hair is not adorned with the latest "make-up" or flowers and a first-class permanent. It reminds one of another of Shakespeare's quotations: "God has given you one face, and you make yourself another!" (Hamlet).

Why should we criticize the world for using make-up, (rouge, lipstick, etc.), and then have our folk use it in their hair dress? God says, "I hate every false way" (Psalm 119:128). Are we not just "straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel" when we criticize the other person for his use of make-up when we take the "well set hair" God has given us for our adornment, and pile it high with "rats" (foundations, if you please), and clip it off for permanents? Then we tell the poor old woman slaving over the wash tub

that every dollar she gives will be used for the "glory of God," when we know some of those dollars are going into the beauty parlor for the sake of pride. I hear folk criticized for taking medicine. I would by far rather meet my Maker and tell Him I took a pill because I could not stand the pain, than to tell Him I was so filled with pride that I could not wash and comb the hair He gave me (for my glory) good enough to sing and pray in His services. We claim not to have time to visit the "fatherless and widows in their affliction," and the sick and crippled in hospitals. Yet we can waste precious time and money getting permanents. Is it any wonder that Jesus, our Elder Brother, has "somewhat against us"? We should begin looking for the old way-marks of holiness, and sing again the beautiful words of Dadmun's inspired hymn, "Is Not This the Land of Beulah?"

"There's no thirsting for life's pleasures,

*Nor adorning rich and gay,
For I've found a richer treasure,
One that fadeth not away!"*

"Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised" (Prov. 31:30).

EVANGEL PREMIUM OFFER

The ration of paper has lifted to the extent that I would be glad to see the Evangel subscription list increase. We have not pushed the Evangel due to the lack of paper, but now that the future is brighter incident to increasing the Evangel circulation, I make the following offer.

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The Revelation Message . . .

What Is It and To Whom Is It Sent?

Two controversial opinions seem to exist as to what the message of the Revelation is and to whom sent. One view is that it is a message to Israel concerning Israel, and the other that it is to the Church concerning the Church. As to which is correct, the Word should decide.

ISRAEL'S CLAIM

The word "Jews" is mentioned only twice. Ch. 2:9; 3:9. But since that mention is in direct connection with the seven letters to the seven churches, obviously it is symbolically employed. The Jews are in favor with neither God nor man during the Church age. But as God's chosen people, that word is used here to symbolize God's children in the Church—the true Christians. Likewise, in chapter 2:14 the children of Israel are symbolically employed to illustrate the sin of Balaam in leading the children of Israel astray, thus typifying a like occurrence in the Church when the reward-loving clergy of that time (Balaam) connived with Constantine (Balac) to lead the Church into the same spiritual predicament as was Israel in Moab. Through the Edict of Toleration in Milan, Constantine caused full and free spiritual intercourse and worship to be both permitted and encouraged between the Church and paganism.

However, mention in considerable detail is given in chapters 7 and 14 of a group of literal Israelites ("first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb") of restored Israel, to be sealed at the first of the tribulation for the purpose of rebuilding the temple in readiness for the antichrist desecration to follow. This group is also referred to in chapter 11:1 as "them that worship therein," in the act of being "measured" or (since people are not measured) numbered. Mention of the temple they will build is made in 2 Thess. 2:4, with the antichrist sitting, and being worshipped therein. This group of sealed Israelites is also alluded to in connection with the demon locusts as being exempt from their tormenting sting—a fact necessitated by the work to be done by them. Ch. 9:4.

Therefore, due to the meager support of the Scriptures found therein, it appears evident that the message of the Revelation, as a major whole, is

not to Israel concerning Israel. In fact, what is said about the 144,000 first-fruits of restored Israel (the only real mention of Israel) was not written for Israel's benefit and instruction, for very few Israelites ever read the New Testament; but for the instruction and edification of the Church by revealing how and when the Lord's promise to set up His kingdom will be fulfilled. In other words, what is written of the 144,000 is to show just how, during the tribulation, the kingdom will be coming in while the Church is going out.

WHAT ABOUT THE CHURCH?

The very first statement in the book indicates that the message is to the Church concerning the Church—"to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass." Israel as a nation was a thing of the past. The Church was already on hand. So what was to "shortly come to pass" must be within the two thousand years of the Church age. Hosea 6:2.

Then we read, "John to the seven churches which are in Asia," followed by greetings from the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost—the triune Godhead, little known to the Jews but quite familiar to the Christians. Ch. 1:4-8. In verse 11 the seven churches are named. The main symbolic feature about them is in their number, seven, the time covenant number, showing that in these seven is embraced the entire time of the Church covenant, or dispensation. Two other symbols are also introduced in the figure of seven golden candlesticks ("which are the seven churches") and seven stars ("angels" or ministers). VV. 12, 13, 20. The light of Christ (John 8:12; 9:5) reflecting on and through the Church is symbolized in Himself standing in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, thus symbolizing the covenant personally given the disciples that they (and all Spirit-filled followers coming after them) are to be "the light of the world" during the Church dispensation. Matt. 5:14-16; 6:22, 23; 12:35, 36, 46.

It is reasonably certain from these symbols and their direct application to the Church, that all future symbols found in the book, not otherwise designated, are to be applied to the Church and the Gentile peoples composing it.

Moreover, John is given a brief prophetic outline to each of the seven churches—a bit of pre-written history of the time embraced in each period—disclosing all the main happenings to take place in the Church during that particular time. "To the church" is the expressive wording with which each letter begins. Then at the close of each of the seven letters is still another significant message: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches," showing that the message of reproof and admonition by the Holy Ghost uttered by Jesus is being given out to all the churches during the entire Church dispensation. John 14:16, 17, 26; 15:26; 16:7-11; Acts 1:8; Luke 24:49.

To this, preponderant evidence supporting this view is added some of the last words uttered by Jesus and recorded in the Scriptures. "I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches." Ch. 12:16. Thus in the last chapter of the book he briefly reiterates and confirms what had been stated and deliberated on in the first three chapters. And the fact that the symbolic seven churches in Asia are not here alluded to seems to indicate that this last word to the recipient of the book—the Church—is no longer confined to, or hid behind, the veil of symbolism, but is plainly made to include all the individual churches ever to exist throughout the dispensation of grace embraced in the great universal Church of God. Therefore, instead of the Church not being mentioned after the third chapter, as some claim, we find in the very last chapters that the book is a message to all the churches.

In view of these scriptural facts and teachings, it is clearly obvious that such symbolic terms as "that woman Jezebel" (Ch. 2:20), "the synagogue of Satan" (2:9; 3:9), the "woman clothed with the sun" (12:1), "the great whore that sitteth upon many waters" (17:1), "a woman . . . (sitting) upon a scarlet colored beast" (17:3), "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, MOTHER OF HARLOTS" (17:5), and "the whore" to be destroyed by the ten horns—the God-hating and Church-hating Communists of the world (17:16)—all refer to one and the same

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It Is So Important

By...
Chester Shuler

A gentleman, who has been deeply taught in things spiritual, relates this experience which he had some years ago:

"I was attending an evangelistic meeting one evening. After the regular services were concluded, a friend brought to me a man whom I had not seen before, stating that he wanted to become a Christian. I was very happy to explain the way to him. Since he wanted to know the Lord, the task was not difficult. Soon he saw the way of salvation. At last, I asked, 'Now what are you?' He replied, 'A son of God.' Then I asked, 'What have you?' He answered, 'Eternal Life.' Later in our conversation I asked him whether he had a Bible or a New Testament. When he told me that he possessed neither, I went to the lobby of the church where a number of people had tarried, and asked them for a New Testament to give the converted man. While waiting for the Testament to be brought, I asked a minister of the town to meet the man and invite him to church. This the preacher did, and afterwards continued talking with the man. The following day another person came to me and said, 'Did you notice what a wonderful soul winner Reverend Blank is? How quickly he led that man to the Lord?'

"How did I feel over that? I'm ashamed to say it, but the old self-life which I had judged worthy of death and that I agreed with God had been crucified, began to cry out, thirsting for *rightful recognition* of what I had done! I had to say to that self-life, 'You are dead! You died with Christ. You have been crucified. I will NOT comfort you, nor nourish you; I will not give you any stimulant—you are dead, dead, dead! You shall not feast and revive upon any "rightful recognition" of my part in that man's conversion!' (Rom. 6:6)

The self-life is forever seeking to usurp in our lives the place rightfully belonging to Christ. That life has been crucified with Christ—that "old man" of Romans 6:6—so that henceforth we should not serve sin. But it is difficult to keep that life in the place of death; it can be kept there only by the Holy Spirit.

In the old days of crucifixions, when a man was hanging on a cross in great physical anguish, fever soon set in and his thirst became intense. Usually he would cry out, "I thirst, I thirst!" (John 19:28-30.) A bystander would

then hasten to him with a sponge filled with vinegar, kept ready to slake the thirst of the dying man, and hold it to his mouth.

It is like this with the self-life which has been crucified. When things happen—as, for example, the gentleman's experience above related—which prick the self-life into action, it cries out, "I thirst!" It has been crucified, but it can still cry out on occasion. What do we do about its call?

Do we allow it to dominate us? Do we permit brooding about injustice, the unkindness of others, the slight which has been given us, the credit due us which goes to another, and the like? It is so very easy to do this! So difficult not to show some resentment! Yet that little "hurt" feeling, or thought (it need not reach the stage of word or deed) is just the stimulant, the "vinegar," which the crucified self-life craves! How often it is given a long draught of consolation! It is so easy to think such unworthy thoughts in the fraction of a second—even before we can check the impulse... unless the Holy Spirit is present at all times, unless we are constantly abiding (John 15:7) in Christ. One's back must be turned upon the self-life at such times, the ear must be deaf to its cries, the heart must be adamant, for the self-life is our mortal enemy... the one that betrayed us... the one that seeks now to return us, who have been redeemed, to the horrible bondage of sin. We must believe and count upon and reckon that the self-life was crucified on Calvary's cross with our Lord.

Perhaps no phase of the Christian's life is so much neglected, as a rule, as this *watching* (Matt. 26:41), as well as praying, lest we enter into temptation... no matter how willing the spirit may be, because the flesh (the *self* in us) is always very weak.

God's Book holds forth a great, comforting promise in stating that we are no longer under bondage to sin, but are freed from its dominion. However, there is a glorious positive side to this also:

"Like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should *walk in newness of life* (Rom. 6:4).

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being DEAD to sins, should LIVE unto righteousness..." (1 Peter 2:24).

"... in that he (Jesus) liveth, he

liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6: 10, 11). "Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:18).

It is not sufficient to reckon that the self-life has been crucified with Christ; there must be a POSITIVE side to our Christian lives—a serving of righteousness, an aliveness unto God, a constant activity of spirit and life—always directed toward the things of God, the best in life. The death of self-life means the beginning of the God-life.

The fight is constant in the life of a Christian. The closer he seeks to live to Christ, the more he tries to do the things Christ wishes him to do, the hotter the fight with the self-life... until it has been effectually "reckoned" (Rom. 6:11) *dead*. Satan tries in every way possible to keep us from seeing this great truth of the Word. As long as he is successful in this, we shall not "see" nor believe nor appropriate by faith the great message of Romans 6 and other passages. We shall be unconsciously, unintentionally—but none the less disastrously—feeding and nourishing and stimulating the crucified self-life by nourishing and thinking upon the hurts, slights, slurs, offenses of one kind or another which are sure to come to anyone in daily life. We shall nurse and nurture self until it gains the mastery over all that is best in our lives. It is highly important to see this truth now.

New Colored Church Set in Order

NEW ALBANY, Miss.—We are very thankful to God our heavenly Father, who has been so real to us, and has blessed us to accomplish the work of setting in order a new church in the State of Mississippi, with twenty-seven members, including four preachers. We have a nice church building located on No. 30 highway, four miles west of New Albany, Miss. We thank God for all, and do give Him all the praise.

May your continued prayers be for the success of the work here in these states. I remain your fellow laborer and co-worker in the Church of God.—Bishop L. R. Collins, overseer of colored work in Mississippi and Arkansas.

B. T. S. Speaks . . .

THE SPANISH CLUB

One of the admonishments of Jesus to His people is to "love thy neighbor." Our national neighbor to the south is Mexico, a land enormously rich in resources. The remark was once made that "There would be no Mexican problem"—by which is meant the perennial state of revolution and the evils attendant thereupon—"today if the United States and other Christian countries had displayed the same interest in the development of Mexico's soul that they have in the exploitation of her natural resources."

It is with this knowledge, together with the call to prepare and the desire to serve, that several students today are studying Spanish, the language of our southern neighbor. Other Spanish-speaking countries include the islands of Cuba, Porto Rica, and Santo Domingo in the West Indies, all of Central America, and most of South America.

The Spanish Department here at Bible School has grown as rapidly as any other in the entire curriculum. Students enrolled in the 1945 classes comprise high school, college, and Christian workers.

It has been the idea of many that the learning of a foreign language is difficult and uninteresting, but the Spanish department this year has done much to contradict such a statement. Most outstanding is the Spanish Club, which uses as the preamble to its constitution, the following statements: "This organization came into being for the promotion of the interest in Spanish and Spanish-speaking peoples among the students of B.T.S. and College. It has the further aims of fostering a missionary spirit among its members and of developing Christian leadership." Thus far the club has been fulfilling its purpose. We have had colorful and informative talks by those who have been privileged to work and attend school in Mexico, and on the border. Spanish songs, prayers, and sermons have been inspirational throughout the semester, and the customs and dress have been demonstrated and have vivified the stories written in our textbooks. We are expecting still more interesting and novel meetings in this organization.

The missionary spirit has been intensified with the presence of Martha and Alice Pullin, and Glenn and Roberta Archer, whose parents are our own missionaries. We have learned to love and appreciate Josue, native Mexican, who takes a very active part

in all phases of school life and who already gives a fine testimony in English.

It may be that the liking or dislike of a subject depends largely on its teacher. If that be true, it is no wonder so many find Spanish classes enjoyable with Sister Dora P. Myers teaching high school and college, and Sister Virginia Green teaching Christian workers. Both have studied at the University of Mexico.

In our Sunday School the Spanish department has classes all its own, the advanced students speaking a minimum of English, the elementary students speaking a minimum of Spanish. The Lord meets in both classes and much is gained by this practical experience.

This is a brief summary of one foreign element in Bible School, and you may be hearing more from us later, but until then 'bye, and may the Lord bless you, or as the Spanish would say, "Adoís, y que el Señor bendiga a ustedes."—Alice C. Josephsen.

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Wednesday, December 5, 1945, the Spanish classes gave the following program: A song in Spanish by Alice and Martha Pullin, accompanied on the guitar by Sadie Spicer; testimonies in Spanish by Wayne McAfee, Virginia Green, and Alice Pullin. These were given in Spanish and interpreted, respectively, by Winston Elliott, Dorothy Hefner, and Martha Pullin.

Josue Rubio, our native Mexican, gave a testimony in English. He then read scripture and gave a short talk in Spanish. This was interpreted by Roberta Archer.

The Spanish quartet, Dorothy Hefner, Helen Blackwell, Jennings Wilkins, and Elton Patridge, sang, "Yo Vagaba en el Pecado" (Yes, I Know).

The program closed with Winston Elliott pronouncing the benediction in Spanish.

TESTIMONY

It is indeed a privilege to testify for my Jesus. He has never left me; never forsaken me.

One time a man upon hearing the fervent testimony of a Christian, said to him, "I'd give the world to have what you have." The Christian answered, "Sir, that is exactly what it costs." It is true. It takes absolutely everything, but it's worth it.

*"The service of Jesus true pleasure affords;
In Him there is joy without an alloy."*

*'Tis heaven to trust Him and lean o.
His Word;
It pay to serve Jesus each day."*

I have dedicated my life to Jesus Christ, and I say with Paul the apostle, 2 Timothy 1: 12b, "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."—Alice Pullin.

The young people of the church in Manhattan, New York, have invited Josue Rubio to their church for the Christmas holidays. During his stay there he will preach to them. He also sings and plays his guitar. The young people there are financing his expenditures for the trip.

Reports from the Field

Progressing Rapidly

MODESTO, Calif.—We arrived in California about a month ago. Brother Douglas asked us to come to Modesto to start a new work. We arrived in Modesto and found some Church of God families. We got together, had a service, and decided to buy a lot and build a church. I found two big lots and a house. We bought them for \$2,800 and converted the two front rooms of the house into a nice church. The first Sunday we had forty in Sunday School. Last Sunday the attendance was forty-eight. The offering Sunday was about \$150. We have already paid over \$600.00 on the property. We organized the church with seventeen members. Pray for us. We're planning to build a new church by spring. Anyone coming to California to live, couldn't find a better town in which to live. Our church address is: 200 Elposo Street, in Modesto, California.—Kirby J. Hensley, pastor.

Happy To Report New Church

MADISON, Ga.—We are happy to report that on October 13, 1945, we organized a new church in Madison, Ga. Sister Snowe Stomey, of Atlanta, Ga., is the pastor. She is a wonderful worker for the Lord. In every service many souls are being blessed. We are doing our best to raise money to build a church, and I think we are doing fine. I am sure God will supply our needs. We desire the prayers of the saints.—James H. Walls, Nicholson,

If you don't believe in cooperation, observe what happens to a wagon when a wheel comes off.

CHRIST'S KINGDOM

WM. E. WINTERS

Text: *My kingdom is not of this world.* John 18:36.

When Pilate asked Jesus if He were a king, Jesus answered him thus, "My kingdom is not of this world." This idea was a contrast to anything that Pilate ever knew. To him there was no king but Caesar and no kingdom but the Roman empire. To Pilate, a kingdom was a theatre to let his ambition be displayed; kingship was a scepter of power, victorious armies, and many provinces.

To Jesus kingdom and kingship meant something more than this idea. Christ's kingdom was not of this world; the crown of this kingdom was a crown of thorns; its sign of royalty was a reed, a purple robe, and the old rugged cross. This kingdom would have an army and, too, it would give its blood, not on the battlefield but millions would pay the supreme sacrifice at the stake and in the dungeons. Its subjects, though twelve to begin with, is some day to become a great multitude that no man can number. This kingdom was spiritual, not earthly, not ruled by law and force, but power of the Spirit working in the hearts of the subjects, generating love for the King.

To Pilate this was a supernatural utopia; on earth, yet not earthly. Abraham was a pilgrim seeking a city to come. Jesus prayed, "Take them not out of the world, but keep them from the things of the world." This kingdom of Christ's was in human yet divine. Jesus speaking of the Comforter, said, "He shall be with you and shall be in you."

The subjects of this kingdom were not to come from one country, or one nation, but from all. The first citizens of this kingdom were Jews, but now to all those who will receive Him, to them gave He power to become citizens of this great eternal kingdom. Pilate did not know of a power that could keep people so unlike together. Armies had tried it. Rome tried it and held them together by force for awhile, but when Rome fell, the Greek was still Greek and the Spainard the Spainard. This uniting was by force. It was not a union. There was no harmony or common interest among them and when Rome fell they dropped apart and again became separated. But Christ was to do just this. He is doing it without armies or fleets. He is doing it with one power and that is love. The citizens from the north, south, east, and west are to come and take their seats in the

kingdom of God. People who are different in speech can understand the common speech of heaven. The Name above all other names is the counter-sign that admits us into this brotherhood of the redeemed.

The purpose of this kingdom is not political but spiritual. The disciples were gathered to Jesus not for Him to save their lives, but to purify their hearts.

Today as then, mankind is sunken in sin and governments are paralyzed to do anything about it. Despite government agencies, crime and juvenile delinquency is on the increase. They are unable to check the savage drift of society. Into this disorder steps the Son of God, not with armies or police courts, but with a persuading love He can bring order out of chaos. Example of this is Mary Magdalene. At the beginning her life was void and great

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My mother to be healed, she has been sick about seven months.—Sadie Barnett, Oneida, Tenn.

My mother, Mrs. M. J. Willingham, 142 Stewart Drive, Brookhaven, Ga., to be healed of a serious heart condition; my sister, who is weak in her body. They need encouragement.—Daphene Lee, Cropwell, Ala.

My son-in-law to be healed of fainting spells.—Mrs. Nellie Smith.

My daddy and sister to be healed.—Claudie Boswell, Rt. 1, Heflin, Ala.

My brother, who served three and half years overseas, and was sent back with T. B.—Mrs. Frances Posey, 914 N. Douglas Ave., Sylacauga, Ala.

My body to be healed.—Mrs. J. A. Staggs, Somerset, Ky

Mrs. Essie Martin to be healed; my husband to be healed; two friends to be healed of T. B.; Mrs. Floria Pitts to be healed.—Mrs. G. E. Wade

Me to be healed of catarrh of the head and asthma.—B. F. Allen, Calhoun, Ga.

The removal of a growth on my neck, it has given me much trouble and I thought it was a cancer.—H. C. Greene, Box 146, Sparta, Tenn.

The Lord to heal me of some kind of spells, it may be my heart.—Mrs. Annie Pass, 912 Hotel Ave., Maryville, Tenn.

The Lord to heal my children, they have something wrong with their kid-

disorder, socially. Jesus stepped on the scene and cast out the demons. Now we see order and peacefulness to the extent that Jesus chooses her to be the first one to appear before after He stepped forth victorious over death, hell, and the grave, and again bought for us the tree of life. Christ is the same today, still calling for citizens to populate His kingdom. Lord, help us as we see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob taking their seats in the kingdom of heaven, not to be cast out, but may we strive to enter in at the strait gate and find our chair around the banquet table at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Text: "My kingdom is not of this world." This will ultimately be proven when the four beasts and twenty-four elders fall before the Lamb and sing a new song, saying, "Thou art worthy, for thou wast slain, and has redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation." Thank God for a kingdom not of this world, but an eternal kingdom not made with hands.

neys, it is serious.—A sister, Wharncliffe, W. Va.

My mother, Mrs. Easter M. Headley, Rt. 2, Cave City, Ark., who is very sick; my sister who has been sick for several days, she is spitting up blood; the healing of my mother's children; me. They will appreciate encouragement.—Mrs. Troy C. Sugg, Rt. 1, Higden, Ark.

The complete healing of my body; my daughter to be healed, she has mastoiditis and a strained back; my daughter in Baltimore, Md., who has a bad neck.—Mrs. H. Privett, Rt. 1, Beckley, W. Va.

The healing of my stepson, Fred Graves, Bradenton, Fla, he has been in the Manatee County Hospital about two months.—Mrs. Della Graves, Rt. 1, Sparks, Ga.

My boy to be healed of a serious head injury caused from an automobile accident.—Martha E. Humber, Crab Orchard, Ky.

The complete healing of my body, I have something wrong with my stomach and liver, sometimes I think I have cancer. Some days I am able to sit up but not long; my four sons.—Mrs. Mary Hale.

The healing of my body, I am in bed with something which causes me pain all the time, it has taken the use of my whole left side, my left arm and knee are stiff and hurt all the time.—Mrs. J. J. Bradshaw, Box 1045, Rocky Mount, S. C.

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TESTIMONIES



COOKEVILLE, Tenn.—I praise the Lord for the healing of my boy. He had something wrong with his head and could not hear anything out of one ear. I had him prayed for at church one night and the Lord healed him. How I praise the Lord for His healing!

He has healed my little girl and me different times.

The Lord saved me about three months ago, filled me with the sweet Holy Ghost. Up until three months ago my family and I had not attended church in over two years. We would take our little children on Sunday and go to the show, but now we go to church every time we can. I want to do all I can for God and a little more—I want to see sinners brought to the Lord and saved. I want to tell the world what the Lord has done for me and what a change He has made in my home.

Pray for my husband, he is in sin; he has been to the altar several times. Pray for us.—Sister Pearl Gibson, c/o John Helms.

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FYFFE, Ala.—The Lord wonderfully touched my daughter with His good healing power and I really thank Him for it. I thank Him for the blood that I can feel on my soul and for His many blessings. I also thank Him for the desire He puts within my heart to serve Him. Pray for me that I may keep the victory.—Mattie Potter, Rt. 1.

The Foundation of God Standeth

W. NASHVILLE, Tenn.—I praise God for victory over sin and the devil. I praise Him for the sweet assurance of heaven I feel in my soul just now, and for the many times He has blessed and healed me of many different things. I am looking for His coming. It will pay us to be ready to go. I feel if we will hold to God's unchanging hand He will never forsake us. He is getting us ready for that great day. Who will be able to stand? It is going to take the Holy Ghost and power to be able to stand. I am having a hard battle, but the harder the battle the sweeter the victory. God has always made a way for me, and I know He will continue to if I will stay close by His side. He is answering and blessing our little efforts. He says He will go with us all the way, even down to death's door, and I feel more like going all the way.

If there was ever a time we needed

to hold on to God and pray, it is now. I have many loved ones who are lost and I desire your prayers that God will save them before it is too late. Above everything in this world, I love Jesus. He is worthy of all praise. I know that His love for us is great. It matters not how severe the test, how great the temptation or how sorely we are tried, the foundation of God standeth. The Lord knoweth them that are His, and will with temptation also make a way of escape. I count it a great privilege to suffer for Jesus' sake, for if we suffer with Him we shall also reign with Him, and the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

Pray for our good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister James H. Clark. We surely appreciate them; they are a great help to both saint and sinner. Please pray for us here at West Nashville. We need your prayers.—A sister in Christ.

He Is With Us When Others Fail

NINETY SIX, S. C.—Greetings to every one in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I praise the Lord for healing our little boy of polio. He is a friend in trouble and a very present help in time of need. I can recommend Him highly today because I know He will be with us when others fail. If I know my heart, I had rather be a child of God than anything in the world. Pray for us.—Mrs. Rosa Bell Cassell, 113 Sheard Ave.

He Comes in Time of Trouble

I praise God for His healing power. We prayed for our little girl for four weeks, and it looked like on Friday that God was going to take her away. But praise God, He spared her life. How we praise God for healing her! It is so wonderful to trust God; He always comes in time of trouble, if we will only put our trust in Him. Pray that we may hold out to the end.—Mrs. Tom Taylor, Route 1, Brownfield, Texas.

Our Lord Always Leads Us Out

VILAS, N. C.—My wife and I wish to testify of the goodness of God as He has done many great and glorious things for us, whereof we are glad. About a month ago wife and I boarded a bus at Boone, North Carolina, with

our two small children, one two years of age and the other four months old. The trip was almost finished when a little girl got on the bus with the whooping cough, therefore, our children were exposed to whooping cough. We came home and started praying to God for the Lord to keep our children from taking the whooping cough. Twenty-two days have passed and the children haven't taken any cough yet. It is wonderful how God takes care of His people. I can't thank Him enough for the good feeling in my soul. I have been trying to fight the devil and sin for the past twelve years, and I've been through some awful temptations; but our dear Lord always leads us out.

Pray for my wife and me, that we will live true to God and His Church here. We live near Boone, N. C., where there isn't any Church of God closer than twenty-five miles. We don't get to church so often but our Lord holds us in His blessed hands.

Pray for the people here, that they will be saved before it is too late.—Rev. and Mrs. Troy Lail.

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My son to be healed of ulcerated stomach, another son to be healed of epileptic attacks; the healing of a friend, she had her teeth taken out two years ago and her gums have never healed; Mrs. Kate Monday to be healed of rheumatism, she can't walk without crutches.—Mrs. Lige Horton, 308 Emory St., Boaz, Ala.

The Lord to heal me, I have been in a wheel chair fourteen years and eleven months. He healed me recently of milk leg.—Ola Orton, Rt. 1, Arley, Ala.

The healing of my daughter of strep throat; the healing of her baby, it is in a bad condition and looks like it may have to have a serious head operation unless the Lord undertakes for it; the healing of my body of high blood pressure and something like rheumatism, I can hardly go at all and suffer so much.—Mrs. Mary Cotton, Gen. Del., Gadsden, Ala.

My brother to be healed of T. B. and saved; the healing of a sister of tumor; me to be healed of the flu.—Beulah Long, Rt. 1, Box 103, Osborn, Ohio.

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REVIVALS

SHOOTING CREEK, N. C.—Brother C. O. Graham recently closed a wonderful revival here at Shooting Creek. Many souls were blessed, both saints and sinners. Six were saved, four sanctified, three baptized with the Holy Ghost, three baptized in water, and six added to the church.

Please pray for us, that God will continue to bless and many more souls will come to Christ.—Miss Lottie Maney, Sunday School superintendent.

I praise the Lord for the way He has stood by me in working for Him this year. I have had some of the greatest victories, as well as some of the hardest battles.

I have pastored my home church here at Hartwell this year, and with my pastoral work I have done some evangelistic work. My first revival this year was at Easley, S. C.; Brother J. W. Watkins, pastor. The Lord surely blessed during this revival. A large number were saved, sanctified, and twelve received the Holy Ghost. Some nights the Holy Ghost took charge and no one preached.

My next revival was at Elberton, Ga. Brother C. J. Reed is pastor there. The revival was held in their new rock church. We had several good services. Quite a number were blessed. The sick were healed, and God's presence was with us in every service.

In May I was called back to Easley, S. C., for another revival. God blessed in a wonderful way during that revival.

My next meeting was at the Hartwell church in July. Rev. J. W. Watkins came to preach for us. We had a wonderful outpouring of the Lord's power in that revival. A goodly number were blessed, including the church. Brother Watkins preached the gospel in the old-time way. God set His seal on the preaching. Several were saved, some sanctified, and one received the Holy Ghost. One of the converts was a service boy. He had been overseas in many dangerous places.

The next revival was at Lavonia, Ga. Brother B. L. Smith is pastor there. This was a wonderful revival from the beginning to the end. Some nights the Holy Ghost took charge and I didn't preach; people came to the altar weeping. The meeting continued for three weeks. There were about thirty saved, fifteen sanctified, and twelve or more filled with the

Holy Ghost. The last night of the meeting was a great service; no one preached. A large number came to the altar and received definite experiences.

My next revival was at Price Chapel, a new church out from Lavonia. This was the first revival held in the church. Brother Sammie Willis is pastor there. The Lord blessed in every service; people came from many miles around to this meeting. The house wouldn't hold the people. There were fifteen saved, twelve sanctified, and eight received the Holy Ghost during the meeting.

At present I am in a revival at Fountain Inn, S. C. Sister Nettie Hanvey is pastor. The Lord is blessing here.—Myrtle Whithead, Hartwell, Ga.

NOCATEE, Fla.—We praise the Lord for a good revival which closed November 4, 1945. Sister Hadsock was the evangelist. A number were saved, some prayed through to the Holy Ghost. Saints were encouraged to press on. We thank the Lord for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Dees. Pray for us in the battle for the Lord.—Allie Taylor.

PEPPER TOWN, Ind.—We praise the Lord for the revival just closed November 25. Thirty-three were wonderfully saved, twenty-five sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, six baptized in water, and several healed. All the new converts would have been baptized but several of them took the flu. We had to close the revival after seventeen days. We surely do praise God for sending Sister Mattie McIntosh from New Carlisle, Ohio, to preach for us. She was a blessing to our church, and a real laborer for Jesus. We are enlarging our church. There hasn't been enough room for everybody to get inside the church, they have been standing in the yard. This was a real old-time Church of God meeting. Pray for us.—W. J. Carroll, pastor.

KINSTON, N. C.—We have just closed a wonderful revival which ran for four weeks. Our evangelist was Brother Jonah Perry, of Clayton. He is a wonderful man of God.

There were nine saved, six sanctified, three baptized with the Holy Ghost, and one added to the church.—J. A. Grigy.

LOXLEY, Ala.—We thank the Lord for the way He blessed this year, for the wonderful revival just closed, conducted by Evangelist W. J. White. Five were saved, four sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. We really had an outpouring of the power of God every night. Souls were stirred. We thank God for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Joe Wiggins. They are really concerned about lost souls and are a wonderful blessing to everyone. There was one soul saved during Sunday School hour; the power of the Lord was working in a wonderful way. Pray for us. The Lord is still blessing at Loxley.—Mrs. W. H. Driver, clerk.

PIEDMONT, W. Va.—We just closed a two weeks' revival. Sister Lillian Warbeck, of Ohio, was the evangelist. Eleven were saved and six filled with the Holy Ghost. There has been a great interest shown in the church, and God is blessing in a marvelous way.—Rev. C. R. Callahan, pastor.

NORFOLK, Va.—A revival was conducted by Brother C. S. Parker, of Norfolk, Va., at the City Mission at Rocky Mount, N. C. There was good attendance. Twenty were saved. Rev. Parker is a good man and a good worker. He has a public address system which he uses in open-air work.—Harry E. Sells, pastor.

CAWOOD, Ky.—We have just closed a good revival at Cawood, Ky., with Rev. J. P. Morgan, of Dressen, Ky., doing the preaching. Twelve testified to being saved or reclaimed, five were baptized in water, and one added to the church. Brother Morgan is a fine evangelist.—B. H. Enix, pastor.

MARFRANCE, W. Va.—We are glad to report the greatest revival the church has had in Marfrance in fifteen years, with Rev. and Mrs. Everett H. Bragg doing the preaching, the Holy Ghost hovering over the audience each evening. God surely visited His people at Marfrance with many signs and miracles, the saints singing and shouting, the sinners crying and running to the altar, weeping their way through to God. Sinners were knocked from their seats as the Holy Ghost took charge one Sunday morning. In this revival, which lasted five weeks and three days, eighteen were saved, eleven sanctified, ten baptized with the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water, and seven added to the church. Judgment only can tell all that has been accomplished.

The people here surely love Brother and Sister Bragg.—Pastor, H. B. Jenkins.

ROSMAN, N. C.—We have just closed one of the greatest revivals the church here at Rosman has witnessed in many months, it was conducted by Rev. Ottis Mote and brother. There were thirty-two saved, twenty sanctified, seventeen baptized with the Holy Ghost, and seven added to the church.

In the middle of the revival on Sunday morning we raised one hundred dollars in cash to finish paying the balance on the parsonage, making two hundred dollars paid in the month of November. The church was greatly blessed. Please pray for us here in Rosman.—Rev. R. C. Sansbury, pastor.

PERRY, Fla.—We praise the Lord for a wonderful revival, which continued four weeks. Brother James Miller, of Center Hill, Florida, was the evangelist. He preached old-time holiness just as it is. Thirteen were saved, eleven sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, and nine added to the church. There was good music and singing by the Miller Trio and others. The church was greatly revived by those soul-stirring messages from night to night.

We have a good pastor, Brother Don Staten, and wife. They are a blessing to the church. Pray for us.—Josie Ringer, Perry, Fla.

LAWRENS, S. C.—The Church of God in Laurens has just closed a successful revival meeting, which lasted four weeks. Brother C. R. Spain was the evangelist. There were twenty-four saved, eighteen sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-one added to the church.

We thank God for sending Brother and Sister Spain our way; they certainly are an inspiration to any church.

We also thank God for our good pastor, Rev. Grady L. Waters. Pray for us here that the revival spirit may continue, that the church here may be a soul-saving station.—Ruby Tollison.

THOMASTON, Ga.—The Lord gave us a great revival during the month of October. For three weeks our pastor, D. L. Toler, preached. God blessed every service. There were twelve saved, eight sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost, seven added to the church, and seventeen baptized in water.—Mrs. H. S. Norris.

FITZGERALD, Ga.—Greetings in the name of our dear Savior. May His great love and mercy ever continue to dwell in the hearts of His people.

We have just closed a three weeks' revival here at Fitzgerald, with the closing night, Sunday, October 21, being one of the best services, having communion and feet washing. We were greatly blessed as the Lord was in our midst. We praise His wonderful name. The victory was good, all were greatly encouraged, with six being saved, six sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church. All this and many, many other blessings we praise God for.

Our new pastor, Rev. G. A. Carroll, conducted the revival. He delivered some wonderful and inspiring messages. We are looking forward to a good year with him here in the Lord's work. Pray for us.—Vivian Horton, clerk, 507 E. Central Ave.

BOAZ Ala.—We have just closed one of the best revivals the church has had in a number of years, with a goodly number saved and sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, and thirteen added to the church. The revival was conducted by the Bell trio, which did some soul-stirring singing and preaching. The church attendance has increased and has also had an increase in tithes since the Assembly. Pray for us at Boaz.—L. E. Talley, pastor.

COALMONT, Ind.—We have just closed a wonderful three weeks' revival with Brother Estel Moore, of East Alton, Ill., as evangelist, assisted by his real helpmeet, Sister Evelyn Moore, and by our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Sam Edmunds.

The power of God came down night after night. On two nights there was no preaching, only as the Holy Ghost spoke through messages and interpretations. When the evangelist did preach, it was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power, and God blessed his ministry among us. Twenty-three were saved or reclaimed, eighteen sanctified, seventeen baptized with the Holy Ghost, and eight added to the church.

It was indeed a wonderful sight to see young folks who already had obtained the blessing, surrounding another young person, tears streaming down their faces, or lit up with the glory of God, all of them working and praying for the seeker to receive "the promise of the Father." The revival ended with souls praying through to the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

We praise God for ministers and wives like Brother and Sister Moore,

also for our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Edmunds. They are all deeply interested in soul-saving and in these praying through to the deeper experiences in the Lord.—Katherine Payton, clerk.

THONOTOSASSA, Fla.—We have just closed a three weeks' revival for which we praise the Lord. Saints were revived and a soul saved from sin, and three instantly healed. Praise His holy name. The evangelist was Sister Eva (Roberts) Milton, of Tampa, Fla. Our pastor is Brother C. P. Jackson.

WESTMINSTER, S. C.—A three weeks' revival has just closed at the Conneross Church of God with Brother Eugene McCall, of Highland, N. C., doing the preaching. Twelve were saved, eight sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother McCall has been a blessing to our little church and to our community. We praise the Lord for sending him here.

The Lord surely has blessed in a wonderful way. We praise Him for a young man like Brother McCall, who is willing to go out and work for Jesus. He is a fine worker among the young people.

We thank the Lord for our little church at Conneross and our good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Alger Harris. We surely appreciate them. We ask the prayers of those who can pray for this place, that the Lord will save many souls, that our little church will rise and shine for the glory of God.—Pearl Swafford, Rt. 3.

BLUEFIELD, Va.—We thank the Lord for the revival just closed at Abbs Valley church, with the writer doing the preaching and Miss Margaret Winegar assisting with the music. The revival ran three weeks, during which time forty-six were saved, twenty-two sanctified, fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-five baptized in water, and thirty added to the church. The revival was well attended. I am looking for the greatest year of my ministry here this year.—H. H. Hungate, pastor, Rt. 1.

LOCUST GROVE, Okla.—Sister Mary Pierce, of Ravia, Okla., conducted a two weeks' revival at Moore's Chapel Church of God. God was surely in our midst. Several were healed, one saved, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and the saints greatly revived, for which we give God all the praise. Sister Mary preached the Word under the anointing of the Holy Spirit.—Mrs. Oda Allgood, Locust Grove, Okla.

THE NEW YEAR

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neighboring churches. But some pastors don't want any churches growing up around the church they pastor, and such pastors seldom, if ever, have one growing up near them. They oppose for fear something will happen that will give someone else a chance on the throne of their pastorate. What I was always afraid of was that I would fail to get the work done that God expected me to do, therefore I entered every door that was near me without thinking of who would get or share the glory or financial rewards. Let us labor and pray the year throughout and at the end we will have sheaves for the Master.

EXPANSION

Paper ration has been lifted but so far the paper situation is as critical as ever. There will soon be improvements, however, and we hope that during the new year we shall have a substantial increase in the Evangel subscription list. (See premiums on Evangel drive in this issue.) We have purchased and paid for \$10,000 worth of new equipment since the Assembly. We now have on order about \$40,000 additional equipment. We are

endeavoring to take care of the vast amount of printing that is to be done in connection with the growth of the Church. The Church can make the Publishing House grow and the Publishing House can make the Church grow. We need your prayers this year as we have never needed them before.

Purchase of a new and beautiful lot has been made for an entire new publishing plant and office building downtown, directly opposite the post office. This will save much money in trucking expense of merchandise shipped by parcel post, etc. The Publishing House is tremendously handicapped for lack of room in the production and, as well as in the shipping departments. The lack of proper office space is not only a terrible handicap but an embarrassment of the first magnitude. God helping us, a proposed erection of a new, larger, and better plant will remove these handicaps. Plans are now in the hands of an architect, which, if approved by the Supreme Council, will bring into existence within the new year a new and beautifully imposing building fronting right on the corner of the courthouse square. Therefore, during the new year we especially ask for

an interest in your prayers. We also hope for and really ask for your patronage of the Publishing House as it must supply the needed money for purchase of above mentioned equipment, and also needed money for the Bible Training School and College, plus a prorated share of the cost of the proposed new construction. Again I say, Let us pray and labor to make this a banner year for the Church of God.

THE GREATEST NEED IN GERMANY TODAY

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many than Dr. Martin Luther and God's work of reformation.

The disciples of Christ are in their nations around the globe. They must be light and salt according of our Master's will. The League of nations and the atomic bomb can not bring the reconciliation, but the love of Christ creates the holy fellowship which binds the hearts. The future belongs only to those who can most forgive and most love. Following God we shall be bridge builders between the nations for a better and transformed age!

GRANT PARK CHURCH OF GOD AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA



This is the choir of the lovely new Grant Park Church of God, Atlanta, Ga. Brother and Sister Largin (front left) started this work with a tent meeting three years ago. Sister Luella Curtis (front right) joined them in the fall of the same year. For two summers they worshipped in the tent. Then they purchased this spacious building at a sacrificial price and began remodeling it. Now they have a Baby Grand piano, factory-built seats, beautiful stained-glass windows. The two large windows in front have life-size figures of The Good Shepherd and Christ knocking at the door. This property is worth at least \$18,000. On October 7 we had an all-day service and raised the last thousand dollars. Rev. A. V. Beaubé, state overseer, had charge of dedicatory service. Now these good people are putting in two rest rooms, ladies' lounge, four Sunday School rooms, and a nursery.—Rev. Maude Largin, pastor.

EXEMPLARS OF EXCELLENCE

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works before he was twenty-five, died at thirty-seven because of overwork.

Franz Schubert wrote his first opera when he was seventeen. (There are numerous musical prodigies.)

The Greek astronomer Hipparchus was only thirty when he discovered the procession of the equinoxes; before he died (at thirty-five) he catalogued over one thousand stars, and founded trigonometry.

TIMOTHY

When Paul was writing to the Philippians concerning Timothy, he said: "For I have no one like-minded, who will naturally care for your state." What? Remember that this is a young man. "But ye know the proof of him (He has stood the test!—Moffatt)." What a glorious recommendation to give to any person.

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EVANGEL PREMIUM OFFER

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having a membership of 300 to 400; division No. 4 will consist of states having a membership of 200 to 300; division No. 5 will consist of states having a membership of 100 to 200; division No. 6 will consist of states having a membership of less than 100. To the state in each of these divisions securing the largest number of yearly subscriptions during the Assembly year, above 50 per cent of their membership, the Publishing House will give \$10 cash premium.

THE REVELATION MESSAGE

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thing—the great popular hypocritical portion of the Church in all of its various stages of development and apostasy.

While at the same time, the "man-child" (12:5) and "the remnant of her seed" (V. 17) are the two righteous groups to be born out of the woman in the two phases of the Church harvest—the main harvest and the gleanings—the enraptured "kings and priests" (1:6; 5:10; 3:10, 11; 4:4; 1 Thess. 4:13-17) and the resurrected "servants" to come "out of great tribulation" (6:9-11; 7:14, 15).—J. P. S.

REQUESTS

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The healing of my leg, if God doesn't heal I know it will never be healed.—Mrs. W. M. Power, Weir, Miss.

Me to be healed of the flu, and so much of God's work depends on me here.—Bertha Tuell.

The Lord to heal my body, I am anemic and in a rundown condition.—Mrs. Flossie Hubbard, 919 Adams St., Bowling Green, Ky.

The healing of my head, I have suffered so long; also that I may be healed of other afflictions besides the flu.—Mrs. Lois James, Rt. 4, Box 63, Oxford, Miss.

The Lord to restore my health and heal me mentally, ask God to lift the worry and studying from my mind and restore my memory.—A sister, Georgia.

The healing of my hip and leg, I take spells and can hardly walk; my sister to be healed of epileptic attacks.—Mrs. Daisy Mickey, Box 332, Galax, Va.

The healing of a lady, Mrs. Rosa Viola Tow, 4112 9th Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn., who is undergoing a serious operation, she has three small children and her husband is a sinner. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Robt. Parker, Alton Park, Tenn.

The healing of my daughter, she is very sick with the flu; me.—Mrs. Anna Gilkey, West Middlesex, Pa.

The complete healing of my body of a very weak condition, there is something wrong with my nose also; special request.—A sister in Christ, Wharncliffe, W. Va.

The healing of my brother's baby, who has been burned and is in the hospital in a serious condition; my healing; my home; special request.—A sister in Christ.

The saving and healing of my daughter's body, she is being sent to the sanatorium for T. B.; her children.—Mrs. Q. T. Dale, Box 87, Pulaski, Va.

My son-in-law who has come from overseas and who is in the hospital at MacDill Field, Tampa, Fla. He was operated on for appendicitis, but they could not stop the fever. He had malaria fever while overseas and they took a test for that but it came back negative. They think it is some kind of tropical disease. Pray for his healing and that he will be saved, he needs the Lord and needs encouragement.—Sister Annie M. Whitaker, Box 988, Haines City, Fla.

My sister-in-law who has had a heart attack to be healed; her daughter to be healed of some kind of spells, also that she be healed mentally.—Mrs. Clem Talley, Whitesburg, Tenn.

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